Setting up of National Institute of Rural Development

†*193. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set-up an institute named National Institute of Rural Development;

(b) if so, when was the said Institute set-up alongwith the duties assigned to it;

(c) whether any report pertaining to the investigation or research on rural development has so far been prepared by the said Institute; and

(d) if so,when was the said report published alongwith the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) A Central Institute of Study and Research in Community Development was established at Mussoorie and a Trainers Training Institute in Community Development at Rajpur in 1958. These two Institutes were merged into the National Institute of Community Development (NICD) at Hyderabad in 1964. In 1977, the NICD was renamed as the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) with responsibility, *inter-alia,* to (i) impart training for rural development functionaries, including officials, elected representatives and bankers; (ii) carry out research and evaluation studies on programmes of the Ministry; (iii) undertake Action Research and come out with models, policy suggestions and strategies; and (iv) provide consultancy services in the field of Jural development.

(c) and (d) The NIRD carries out several research/evaluation studies in a year. A recent Report, the *India Rural Development*

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Report — *1999* was released by the Prime Minister of India on 7th February, 2000. The Report focusses, *inter-alia,* on regional disparities in development and impact on poverty and, for this purpose, analyses the position in 78 National Sample Survey (NSS) Regions in the country.

Soldiers killed in Terrorist's attack in Kashmir

† *194. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of army soldiers killed in the terrorist violence in Kashmir alongwith the details thereof;

(b) whether prescribed compensation is being given by Government to the dependents of the soldiers killed in the terrorists violence in Kashmir; and

(c) if so, the number of the dependents of such soldiers still to be given compensation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERN ANDES): (a) Number of Army personnel killed in terrorist activities in J&K during the period 1-1-1990 and 31-1-2000 is as under:—

(i) Officers	113
(ii) Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs)	107
(iii) Other Rank (OR)	1247

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